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A RESOLUTION

- 1 Observing September 15 through October 15, 2015, as "Hispanic
 - Heritage Month" in Pennsylvania in recognition of the
- achievements of Hispanic Americans in our Commonwealth.
- 4 WHEREAS, Hispanics have contributed significantly to the
- 5 extraordinary diversity and progress of our Commonwealth and our
- 6 nation; and
- 7 WHEREAS, Hispanics represent the fastest-growing minority
- 8 ethnic group in our Commonwealth and our nation; and
- 9 WHEREAS, With a median age of 27 years, Hispanics comprise
- 10 the youngest minority ethnic group in the United States; and
- 11 WHEREAS, An average of 900,000 young persons of Hispanic
- 12 origin are projected to become eligible to vote each year
- 13 through 2028; and
- 14 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania's ethnically diverse population
- 15 features more than 800,000 Hispanic residents, including persons
- 16 of Puerto Rican, Mexican and Dominican descent; and
- 17 WHEREAS, With roots in Spain, Mexico, the Caribbean, Central
- 18 America and South America, Hispanic Americans culturally enrich

- 1 our communities, spur business and industry and commit to
- 2 careers in law enforcement, military service and public service;
- 3 and
- 4 WHEREAS, Hispanic Americans serve in the Federal and State
- 5 courts and are members of the Congress of the United States and
- 6 the General Assembly; and
- 7 WHEREAS, The Latino population in the United States is
- 8 projected to grow to 31% of the total United States population
- 9 by 2060; therefore be it
- 10 RESOLVED, That the Senate observe September 15 through
- 11 October 15, 2015, as "Hispanic Heritage Month" in Pennsylvania
- 12 in recognition of the achievements of Hispanic Americans in our
- 13 Commonwealth.